

## The Importance of Serving God Eze 1:20-23

In a small town one night the local Church caught on fire. Many of the towns people came out to help put out the fire. As the pastor was in the crown the local alhier was spotted watching the church burn down. Pastor said sharply "You picked a fine time to finally come to church tonight. You never had any intent in coming to church before tonight. The Alhier said, Well I've never seen the church on fire before tonight. It's a shame the church is not alhier Beginning of Eze Chapter 1

He was 30 and set to be a priest by lineage. Priests start at 30 but He wasn't in Jeru. or the Temple. He was in exile 900 miles away in a refuge camp. His life seemed washed. Then three things happened to him and from that moment on he became one of the most effective men of God ever planted on earth.

A man of blame in obedience, service and love for God. E.C. can be set alhier by following the experience of Eze

The God Put us on Our Faces ch  
The previous description Eze falls over him self to describe God. ~~It is~~ it is his belief on the

Paul died for his Majesty  
**A. To Humble Us.** - Ezekiel was probably  
saying to him self, I was trained  
to be a priest, I spent years  
to be a priest. This just isn't  
fair! I'm supposed to have a position,  
I'm supposed to be there at the Temple!

I remember hearing a little children's  
song called "Eye Sickness" That's  
what EZE has until he runs in  
to a vision of God. Nothing like a  
glimpse of him to put your nose in  
the dirt and say what will you have <sup>ask Paul</sup> made

**B. To Hone Us.** - Hone means to  
sharpen or to bring into focus.  
God is redirecting Ezekiel's focus  
off of his broken plans, off of his  
humble position, and on to his  
brilliant preeminent God. EZE had  
you been looking and focusing on  
the wrong thing. God will often break  
up, put our faces on the ground to  
put our attention on Him. He will do  
this by circumstances that force us to  
look to Him.

**C. God Places Us on Our Feet.**

God didn't leave EZE face down in the  
dirt forever. He told him to get  
up, I got something I want to say to

you. With my children I get there then before I tell  
A. By His Spirit. He told him to get  
up. But then in V5 2. God sends his  
spirit to lift Eze to his feet. He  
didn't even have the ability to get  
up and do what God commanded w/o  
the Spirit of God. The comforter is  
the one that lifts us up, turns our hearts  
to hear what God has to say. Eph  
5:17 Be filled or controlled by the  
Spirit. (You can be prepared for service  
w/o the empowering, leading, the controlling  
the comforting of the Holy Ghost)

B. For His Scriptures. He raised him  
up because he wanted to speak w him  
God speaks to us today just like he  
did then through the Scriptures. V59-  
ch 3:1-3. It is a strange visual image  
but it is seen several times in Scripture  
but then, devour them as a meal (Ps 19  
Jer 14; Rev 10). Jesus in His temple said  
Man shall not live by bread alone but by every  
word that comes out of the mouth of God. In Europe meals are long draw  
out affairs that take hours. God might here we eat  
fast food goes 60 on 2 wheels. Do we do some where it can  
be done

~~III. God Points to the Field~~

The end result of the exposure of his  
Majesty and relaying of his message is to  
point his servant to the Field of Labor



Jesus said the fields are white unto harvest

A. It is a Divine Command - vs 3a

He has raised and prepared Eze for this task and has now pointed to the field.

Jn 20:21 "As the Father has sent Me so send I you. But we say "Lord I have other plans" It is a command from God.

Lord I don't want to go there! You've been commanded by God. Lord I'll be rejected. "I send thee" Lord it's going to be so difficult! "I send thee" Jn 14:21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me!

B. It is Dispute Conflict - God commanded Him to Go despite the Conflict that lies ahead. God is sending him among a rebellious people that will not hear that will abuse the servant of God, that will mock and despise the truth they hear. Why Go then? Why put this servant through the conflict vs 5a prophet has been among them. There will be w/o excuse in the day of Judgment.

IV. Closing When we see his majesty deliver his message respond to his mission we become the tools of God on this earth for him to work all things out for his glory <sup>our good</sup>